

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments, and reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 12 and 18-23 will be pending.

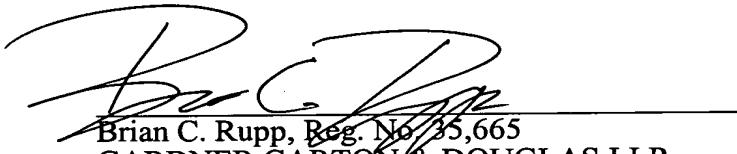
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 13, 15 and 17-20. However, claims 11, 12, 14 and 16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,856,676 to Pirot et al. Although Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, to facilitate allowance, allowable dependent claims 13, 15 and 17 are being canceled and rewritten in independent form as new claims 21-23, respectively. Intervening dependent claims 14 and 16 are also being canceled since they are incorporated into new independent claims 22 and 23, respectively, and the dependency of dependent claims 12 and 18 are being changed so that these claims depend from claims 21 and 23, respectively. Remaining dependent claims 19 and 20 depend from claim 18.

In addition, minor editorial amendments are being made as indicated above. In particular, the term "HTML" is being removed from dependent claim 12, and the term "quality of service parameter selection subroutine" originally present in dependent claims 16 and 17 is changed to "quality of service selection" in new claim 23. This is being done to avoid any potential antecedent basis issues, since the term "quality of service parameter selection subroutine" was not present in claim 11 from which claims 16 and 17 depended.

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In view of the above, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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